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August '84 Coverperson Scott returns in this issue by popular demand. Good luck Scott!

## Divided Supreme Court Affirms Gay Rights Ruling

The United States Supreme Court has upheld a lower court's decision that the State of Oklahoma may not constitutionally dismiss public-school teachers for speaking out in favor of homosexual rights.

The 4-to-4 vote affirmed a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that an Oklahoma law permitting the dismissal of a teacher for advocating or encouraging homosexuality violated the free-speech provision of the First Amendment. (Under U.S. Supreme Court rules, such a tie vote affirms the lower court's judgment in the case under review but does not serve as a precedent for other cases.)

The law was enacted in 1978 at the urging of the entertainer Anita Bryant. It was challenged by Gay Rights Advocates Inc., a San Francisco-based legal group.

The group's chief counsel said that despite the absence of a formal opinion, the ruling was a benchmark of the progress of the gay-rights movement and that it marked the first time the U.S. Supreme Court had done something positive for the gay community.

On the other hand, an attorney for the Oklahoma school board indicated that since there wasn't a majority on the Court against them that the board felt a moral victory had been won. He went on to say that his association will not try to salvage the invalidated law, but will instead begin efforts to have the law tightened by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

The appellate court had ruled that the law was too broad and that it was unconstitutional because it prohibited speech that was deserving of constitutional protection. It cited past Supreme Court decisions in saying that the First Amendment does not permit someone to be punished for advocating illegal conduct at some indefinite future time. Under the precedents, the appellate court said, a teacher's First Amendment

rights may be restricted only to the extent necessary to prevent disruption of the normal activities of the school.

The appellate court had upheld another section of the statute under which a teacher may be dismissed for public homosexual activity, as opposed to mere advocacy. That part of the ruling was not appealed and was not before the Supreme Court, but the appellate-court ruling, in effect, barred enforcement of the entire law.

Justice Lewis Powell did not participate in the decision, and the positions of the eight voting justices were not identified. The case was argued January 14 while Powell was recuperating from surgery. Interestingly, the Court recently ordered reargument in three other cases that Powell had missed, presumably to enable him to break some tie votes. But it was not clear why the Court did not do the same with the Oklahoma case. One possible explanation is that Powell did not want to participate in the case. He is the Court's only member who once served on a local school board.

This was the second time in a year that the Court did not issue a definitive opinion in a case involving homosexual rights in which it heard arguments. Last May, the Court dismissed a case on the constitutionality of a New York law that made it a crime to loiter in a public place for the purpose of homosexual solicitation.

In February, over two dissenting votes, the Court refused to hear an appeal by an Ohio high school guidance counselor who was dismissed after telling her coworkers that she was bisexual.

At least one other significant gay-rights case remains on the current Supreme Court docket: Texas A&M University's appeal of a federal appellate ruling that the school may not deny official recognition to a gay-student group. The university based its refusal on its duty to maintain a stable learning environment and a healthy student body.

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The NBC-TV series, "Sara," projects a positive image for the gay community, according to the Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry (AGLA). The show includes what the organization refers to as a "happens to be gay" character.

The character is Dennis, a gay lawyer practicing with three other non-gay lawyers in a San Francisco legal office. Information available thus far shows that Dennis is content with himself. He is a positive and likeable human being who happens to be gay. The jokes arise naturally from the situations, and the

audience laughs with him, not at him.

Dennis is portrayed by Bronson Pinchot, the young actor who came to notoriety in the Eddie Murphy film, "Beverly Hills Cop."

"Sara" airs Wednesday nights on NBC-TV. The AGLA suggests that viewers make their opinions known by writing to Mr. Brandon Tartikoff, President, NBC Entertainment, NBC-TV, 3000 West Alameda Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91523.

The AGLA, now in its sixth year, was formed to encourage the responsible portrayal of gays and lesbians in the entertainment media.

### Patlar Wins Second Camp Award

For the second consecutive year, the G.N.I.E. recently awarded The Patlar a best-newspaper award. The award is in the form of an attractive plaque.

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While there has been much publicity lately about the blood test for the antibody to the HTLV-III/LAV virus and whether or not it is advisable for gay men to be tested for this antibody, another test has been made available which may be of more practical use in reassuring gay men about the health of their cell-mediated immune systems. This new test, called Multitest-CMI, is a type of skin test which measures the current state of the immune system without the need for expensive blood tests (some of which are being used to measure the ratio of helper cells to suppressor cells—the so-called "T-cell ratio"). This new test has been made available in this country by Merieux Institute, a French company which is one of the world's largest suppliers of biologicals and vaccines and which is associated with the Institut Pasteur where the LAV virus was first discovered.

The test is a disposable plastic applicator with eight sterile test heads similar to the plastic skin-test applicator used in tuberculosis skin testing. The eight heads contain Tetanus Toxoid Antigen, Diphtheria Toxoid Antigen, Streptococcus Antigen, Old Tuberculin, Candida Antigen, Trichophyton Antigen, and Proteus Antigen as well as a glycerine control. These are all substances to which the average adult has been exposed and to which the average adult generally has a predictable immune-system response. The test is applied by pressing the device into the skin of the forearm so that the tiny needles puncture the surface of the skin, injecting the antigens.

The patient should show a reaction in 48 hours. The reaction takes the form of small raised bumps called "indurations," which are compared to tables developed by Merieux, detailing the size of the average indurations for that particular type of patient. For example, an elderly person, a child, and an average male will respond with different size indurations. Merieux has even developed a chart for the average gay male, since gay males generally respond with a slightly lower reading than the average heterosexual male. These indurations usually disappear within a few days after the test is administered.

The test is relatively inexpensive (wholesale cost to the doctor or clinic is around \$15) and can be repeated every few months. This repetition provides the gay man with a way to regularly monitor the status of his immune system during these times of concern about AIDS. Most doctors are using their gay male patients to come in for regular check-ups every four to six months, at which time a general physical can be given and lymph nodes can be examined. Now an inexpensive skin test checking the status of the cellular immune system can also be administered at this time. Moreover, the test is a totally private assessment involving no outside laboratories, record departments, etc. The results are read directly by the physician and remain totally confidential between the patient and the physician.

Many doctors have had some experience with skin testing for cell-mediated immune status in the past and have become convinced that this is an ineffective way to assess immune function. One reason for this is that, until the availability of Multitest, there was no standardized method of application. Each antigen had to be separately injected by hypodermic needle, and the depth of the injection along with the amount of antigen are crucial elements in determining the significance of the resulting indurations. Another reason for the unreliability of previous skin-testing procedures is that the quality and strength of the antigens varied, depending upon the source of the antigen. These problems have been solved with Multitest. All antigens are of consistent strength and quality and all antigens are introduced into the skin at a standardized depth. Thus with a standardized application device and standardized antigens, the results of the test are reproducible and reliable, unlike previous skin-testing methods.

It is important to note that a below-average reaction to one application of the skin test does not indicate a compromised immune system or the onset of AIDS. Any number of diseases or con-

ditions can suppress the immune system temporarily. Anything from an outbreak of herpes to the onset of a cold can tax the immune system and result in a below-average reading. This is why it is recommended that anyone with a below-average reading repeat the test four to six weeks later. Then a comparison can be made to monitor the immune system's recovery (hopefully). Should the readings remain consistently below average for several months, however, it could be an indication that something more serious may be the cause, and further testing may be advisable. The doctor will determine whether or not this is the case and which additional tests may be called for. The point here is not that one or two below-average readings is not a cause for alarm. It does not indicate that the patient is developing AIDS.

Finally, clinical tests have demonstrated conclusively that delayed cutaneous hypersensitivity (DCH) is one of the most sensitive tests for cell-mediated immune function—and this is precisely what Multitest was developed to measure. Moreover, clinical studies conducted by Dr. Evan Hersh of the University of Texas showed conclusively that there is a definite difference in readings between healthy heterosexual controls and the average asymptomatic gay man and also showed that there was a measurable decline in DCH between asymptomatic gay men and those with AIDS-Related Complex men. Dr. Hersh's clinical tests utilized Multitest as the device for measuring cell-mediated immune function, but comparisons were also made with results obtained from traditional skin-testing methods. Moreover the readings using both of these methods were compared to measurements done through a battery of blood and serum lab tests performed on the same patients. The results of the Multitest readings correlated exceptionally well with the blood and serum analyses, while the results of traditional skin testing were not as reliable. These findings definitely support the claim that Multitest is a useful device for periodic monitoring of the cell-mediated immune function of gay men.

## For The Record And More...

by Michael J. Maier

### Finder of Lost Loves Dionne Warwick

Produced by Barry Manilow  
ARISTA

Ever since Ms. Warwick's historic comeback in 1979 with the LP "DIONNE," produced by Barry Manilow, each new album since, seven in total, has either been better than the previous release or has projected a different artistic feel. This is especially true of her latest album release, "How Many Times Can We Say Goodbye." This LP heard the release of her first ever 12" dance single, "Got A Date."

Out of the collection of seven, three albums rank tops for outstanding quality and artistic worth. These include "DIONNE," "No Night So Long," and "Heartbreaker." The top-honors list can be narrowly expanded with the release of "Finder Of Lost Loves."

The album is a definite re-statement of elements which have been heard from Warwick before, with the usual contemporary, easy-listening direction of Manilow.

The opening track, "No One In The World," features a smooth too-powerful Warwick showing that no one in the world can sing like this five-time Grammy winner.

"Without Your Love" cuts across with a well-tuned, but controlled, Warwick who melds nicely with this light-feeling, but yet dancy number.

"Run To Me," the first in a series of four duets, might be remembered as being a former Bee-Gee classic (sung with Manilow). It comes out as ne of the album's lesser cuts, with both Warwick and especially Manilow sounding nasal and limping from verse to verse. But, the track does have that commercial signature of Manilow written throughout it from start to finish.

The LP's fourth track, and by far the most noticeable cut, "Finder Of Lost Loves," sung with Glenn Jones, is one of the most beautiful ballads to come out this year. Jones' smooth vocals blend warmly and cleanly with the richness of Dionne's sterling-silver voice.

Side One's final cut, "Love Doesn't Live Here Any More," takes on a similar character to Dionne's 1980 hit, "No Night So Long." This track speaks truthfully of the tragedy of love that has died. A powerful and moving presentation by Warwick where she comes to full dimension in the expressional emotions, making this a sure Top 40 hit.

"It's You" and "Weakness" stand as two of the more noteworthy and original productions out of the whole vinyl pack. Both segments have clean, slick, and tight craftsmanship. "Weakness" with its smooth, cool, urban feel and slight jazzish edge comes across as the winner by far, with good chart possibilities.

The album's final cut, "You Made Me Want To Love Again," takes a close production and sound likeness to "I'll Never Love This Way Again," Warwick's 1979 comeback classic, though lacking the emotion and power of that great hit.

Two lesser cuts, "It's Love" and "Bedroom Eyes," serve as basic filler material. They do help to round out the album and spice up the entire package to a degree with their crisp, polished contemporary ingredients.

Any of the album's shortcomings do not reflect on Warwick. Manilow's workings and style have grown very thin and need freshening up.

The LP is presented in a top-notch, up-class manner; and Dionne shines through in good vocal form, a lady of love and human emotions. But, it's time for some change, and there is a need to stop treading water that has been filtered though before.

## Poets' Corner

INTERRUPTION  
by Sean Bailey

I was stifling a yawn,  
Hand to moustache,  
At calm in the routine of things.  
Then you slouched into my day,  
Your blue-ice eyes arresting mine.  
You caught me between a breath,  
At mid-pulse and half-thought  
That never was completed—  
Chased away by speculation,  
Hot blood, and sharp intake.  
Against the line of faceless others.  
Your slim masculinity had thrust  
forth,  
An exclamation point  
Accented by that beat-up leather  
jacket,  
Thrown unzipped open,  
careless-casual.  
My fingers itched to reach and  
smooth  
Your wetly tousled hair,  
Fresh from pool and shower  
And cup within my palm your  
stirring promise  
(My own in instant lust, stretching  
fabric,  
Pushing insistant against my belt).  
You saw and knew,  
A whisper of smile toying at the  
corner of your lips,  
Yet in your eyes a question of  
uncertainty.  
My flesh ached to melt its darker  
tones  
Against your winter, untanned  
paler ones  
To affirm what you sensed  
magnetically  
Across the space of a room.  
Then you shrugged and half-closed  
one blue eye  
In what must have been a hint  
of wink  
(A recognition of my hungry look?)  
As you turned and sauntered after  
friends  
Who unaware had moved along their  
way.  
And the yawn continued.



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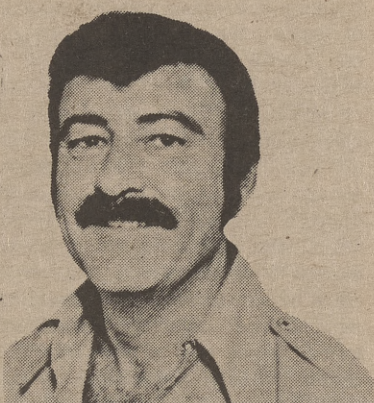
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Arizona's second largest city was one of the first Spanish settlements in the "Old West", having been visited by Jesuit Father Francisco Kino in 1692. Mission San Xavier del Bac, which rises awesomely white from the desert floor of grey mesquite and sage, is one of the finest examples of Mission architecture to be found anywhere in the United States. During the last century, mining camps sprung up with the discovery of gold, and today ghost towns dot the sur-

rounding countryside. Just eighty miles south of here is historic Tombstone, where Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and Bat Masterson once fought it out with Cochise and his fierce warriors. Gunfire no longer blazes at the O.K. Corral, but memories will live forever.

Naturally, the bar scene is best on weekends, and don't forget Arizona bars close up tight at 1:00 a.m. The Joshua Tree at 2921 N. 1st Avenue has been a long time favorite. There is a disco in front, and the cruisy "Back Pocket" in the rear. The Fineline at 101W. Drachman has three floors, including a street level disco, Dicks, a pseudo leather bar in the basement, and the B.F.R. (Big Fucking Room) for lounging and shows upstairs. Rita's Rendezvous at 3455 E. Grant Road has a disco and features a popular brunch on Sundays.

Colette's West at 2849 N. 1st Ave. is very popular with younger women, while Ruby's attracts more mature ladies. One of the oldest gay bars is the Graduate at 23 W. University, which does especially well during the cocktail hour. They get an interesting blend of Latinos, midnight cowboys and older guys. The new and most promising bar in town is Tramps at 616 N. 4th Avenue. One side has a disco, while the other is a cruise bar which attracts some hot-looking later-day cowboy types. They plan to open a restaurant a couple of doors down in the near future. The Congress, located downtown, also.

Books Brothers at 3244 E. Speedway is the best legitimate book store in Tucson, while others, such as Caesar's, Centurian and Speedway offer something more than just books and video. The aptly named Stables is supposed to be a bath, but sleazzy best describes it. For locations of the book stores and other cruisy areas, pick up a copy of the Address Book. Arizona's two gay publications, the Western Express and The Observer, are available at many of the bars.

### Grandfather's Cupboard

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Practitioner of

Traditional Chinese Medicine

(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)

#### Figs, Parasites, and Garlic

In these days of swollen lymph nodes and parasites, it pays to keep the mucous system of the body in good humor. (The Chinese Five Element Medical Theory calls mucous a "humor.") The lymphatic fluids are part of the mucous system which is part of the metal element of Chinese medicine.

Mucous is not only the snot that runs out of your nose when you get a cold. Mucous is all over the inside of your body. The nose is the sense organ of the metal element and mucous is its liquid. Flu, a disease of the metal element, gives you aches and pains wherever there is mucous throughout your body. Parasites infest the mucous system of the intestines. Tapeworms, hookworms, and pinworms sometimes live in the gut too.

A long time ago, the Chinese researched and recorded some of those foods that promote health and compiled them into the Five Element Diet. Two of those are the topic of this column: garlic and figs.

#### Garlic

Garlic is a marvelous toner of the metal element. The Chinese eat it in many dishes. The Italians have known it for centuries too. Where would spaghetti and pizza sauce be without garlic!

When I get a client with parasites, the first herb I suggest is a clove of garlic two to six times a day. Cut it up and swallow it like pills, or chew it. Eat it with a mouthful of food to keep it from burning your stomach. Parsley with garlic helps keep the breath fresh and is also rich in vitamin C.

Putting the garlic in your salad is not quite the same thing, but it helps too. One thing: when it tastes sweet to you, you have eaten enough. Lay off for a few

days. Your skin will begin to smell of garlic about the same time. You skin will also become smooth and flexible because it too is part of the metal element.

#### Figs

Figs, on the other hand, work to feed the mucous system. They are a great flush to keep a healthy mucous system operating. Eat them fresh if you can afford them. Plant a fig tree if you have the space. If they taste good in your mouth, eat a meal of them. Stew them lightly with some orange-peel bitters (organic, of course!), a little cloves, a shot of Angostura, and little honey once, twice, or three times a week. But not if you already have a cold or flu, for they will make the mucous worse. After you eat them, your mucous will get a little thick in your nose and mouth. That's good for a little while.

Last spring at a lecture on diet, I served up a delicious desert made in the Chinese gourmet style of Five Elements. This I called "Newton's Fig Torte." Here is the recipe:

#### Newton's Fig Torte

CAKE: Grind somewhat coarsely 1 cup flour (metal element) and 1 cup barley flour (wood element). Oil and flour a cake pan. Add a pinch of sea salt (water element), 1/8 teaspoon vanilla (fire element), 2 tablespoons honey (earth element), 1 heaping teaspoon tapioca flour or cornstarch or 1 tablespoon arrowroot powder. 1 egg (wood element) optional. Add 1 cup or so of water until the batter is slightly soupy. Put it into the cake pan and bake at 350 degrees F. for thirty-five minutes.

TOPPING: Chop about 1 cup figs (wood & metal). Put in 1/2 cup of water and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes. Add a pinch of sea salt (water), 1/2 teaspoon organic lemon peel (fire), a dash of Angostura Bitters (fire), a tablespoon of honey (earth), and maybe 1/8 teaspoon of cloves.

Mix two big tablespoons tapioca starch flour (or arrowroot or cornstarch) with a little water until pasty, then stir into the hot fix mixture and cook until a very thick paste forms.

When everything cools, top the cake with the fig mixture and eat it. Leave a little for tomorrow.

I usually stay at the Sheraton Pueblo Inn, which is not particularly close to the bars, which are spread out over a large area, but has good rooms and a great swimming pool. Incidentally, a car is very necessary in rambling Tucson. For casual straight dining, Bobby McGee's Conglomeration, Carlos Murphy's, El Adobe, La Fuente and Palomino's are reasonably priced. For excellent and expensive gourmet dining try Charles Reastaurant, the Gold Room at the Westward Look Resort or the Tack Room at Rancho Del Rio. Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea is a fun little mixed place where you can pig-out on rich desserts.

Besides Mission San Xavier del Bac, first time visitors should see the Arizona—Sonora Desert Museum for living animals and plants, the Pima Air Museum, Colossal Cave, Fort Lowell Museum, Old Tucson, and cruisy campus of the University of Arizona. In addition to all the usual sports to be found in a desert resort area, Tucson offers horse racing, greyhound racing and hot air balloon rides. Nearby are Sabino Canyon, Saguaro National Monument, Kitt Peak Observatory, Tombstone and Nogales...just across the border in Old Mexico.

So, if you're looking for a place in the sun, leave the wintry weather behind and try Tucson. Since it's "cowtown" days, Tucson has had a phenomenal growth rate and now boasts a metropolitan population of over half a million. About this time of year, when much of the nation is blanketed with snow, Tucson is usually basking in sunshine.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the Bob Damron Address Book '86—America's foremost travel guide—available soon at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$14.00 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to Bob Damron Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 14-077, San Francisco, Ca 94114. Also available is the Spartacus, International Gay Guide at \$22.00).

### Poets' Corner

THE YELLOW WINDOW  
by Sean Bailey

He doesn't hear me say  
"Good-night"  
And brush my lips against his  
Or touch the back of my hand  
along his beard.  
He breathes peacefully,  
content.  
I leave the low-watt night lamp  
burning;  
It casts a liquid amber warmth  
To bronze his cheek as I go—  
A male Pygmalion the Greeks  
will never know!

Above me a square of yellow  
window  
Paints a faint straw path  
to my car.

I glance one last time upward  
To the golden glow through  
the night-fog  
And turn the key, smiling  
The even engine purr so like  
his breath

Beside me only moments ago.  
I nose into the white mist  
But my eyes are drawn again  
To his warm yellow window.

I cannot see beyond the  
fog reflection  
But move a yard or two,  
Then pause to wonder at  
what draws me away  
Into the night-fog from  
his side.  
The choice is really not  
a choice at all.  
The urgency and the demand that  
pulled on me  
Are lost, enveloped in the  
cotton grey,  
Forgotten there below a yellow  
window.

His breathing purrs quietly  
and gently  
As I slip my length beside him.  
He doesn't even know that I've  
been gone.  
The honey glow curls bronzen  
through his hair.  
I smile again and sigh content  
Beside the golden promise  
Behind the yellow window.



## GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

### The Hard Way

Take one boy. An ordinary boy. Give him decent, loving but imperfect parents. A mother who tells stories so funny they make her cry. Give him a dad who builds log cabins, hypnotizes frogs, and brings home snakes for pets. Give him a grandma who personifies unconditional love. Who makes "Indian coffee" out of Lipton's tea, unconditional love. Who tells him birds can be caught by sprinkling salt on their tails. Give him a grandfather who teaches him to walk tall, fish, and laugh till his sides ache. A grandfather whose last words are expressions of loving concern for this ordinary boy.

Set him down in an ordinary, middle-class neighborhood of first- and second-generation Americans, shade trees, and steep slate roofs. A neighborhood abounding in stray cats. Give him catlike curiosity. Let him be drawn to cats and cats to him. Let him feel the softness of fur, the sting of tooth and claw.

Give him a chance to love "inanimate" objects—like pebbles. Let him build fantastic structures out of stone, mud, and debris. Give him huge sheets of drawing paper. Let the fantasies spill over with pencil, pen, and brush. Keep teachers away from him as long as possible. Let him find things out for himself. The hard way.

When forced to attend school, let him be ill—frequently. In the "land of counterpane" he'll learn what's never taught in chalky rooms where Mother Mary holds forth with her Crucified Son, forever nailed to the wall.

But let him discover churches—cool, dark places smelling of beeswax and incense. Places where music he can't hear on the radio swells and thunders. Where God is kept in a box on a slab of stone, a small flame under ruby-red signaling His presence.

Encourage him to believe in Santa Claus, Uncle Sam, President Roosevelt, and the American Red Cross. Let him be patriotic, a lover of marble monuments to Jefferson and Lincoln. Of old homes, towns, and neighborhoods like Beacon Hill, Newport, Charleston, and Mount Vernon.

Let him know the friendship of women: Mrs. Gallagher, who lives in an old brownstone redolent of freshly-baked donuts; Pauline, a bobbysoxer he'll date for a year but never even kiss; Beverly, a high school sweetheart who will grab him by the ears, finally, and plant an unexpectedly wet kiss right on his mouth!

Later, let him know the sensuality of women and men: Let him discover college girls who will make his palms sweat and his loins tighten. Who will struggle with him in dormitory doorways, in back seats, and in the grass. Mysterious young men who walk the beach late at night and lie with him beside abandoned boats; generous boys who take him to bed when his body aches with unrequited lust, while the ordinary boy wonders "What will happen if...?"

Introduce him to a fine young woman, one with the firm limbs and agility of a boy. Let her be beautiful, bright, and sensual. Let her captivate him and he her. Let them fall in love and want children. You might even let them marry. But encourage him to abstain from the love of males for two years before marrying. Let him believe he can surrender the love of men—forever.

Give them four children and ten hard years of happiness. Then throw an irresistible temptation at him: a young man who looks like a Botticelli angel; a young man who is bright, sexy, responsive. Observe the ordinary boy's catlike curiosity. Let him ask again, "What will happen if...?" Let the ordinary boy think he can manage a flaming affair and a successful marriage.

Watch the ordinary boy, grown to manhood, make a complete ass of himself over the Botticelli angel. Let him find out for himself—the hard way—"What happens when..." Watch the loving wife freak out, to say nothing of the children. Keep the marriage counselors away as long as possible. Watch the marriage die.

Give the ordinary boy time to grieve. Let him recall the sting of tooth and claw after softness of fur. Then tell him to get off his duff and find a good man. He found a good woman, didn't he? It might take a few months or a few years, but he must be out there. Right? Watch the ordinary boy get his life in gear again.

Let him explore the sexual underground of '60s bars, baths, and

bathrooms. Send him home empty-handed, clothes and hair reeking of cigarettes. Or permit him to spend the night, or part of it, with a strange person in a strange bed. Like the guy with the python that sometimes wriggles out of its cage at night. Or the security guard who locks people in till he's good and ready to let them out. After all, it's only Democracy in action: beggars lie down with bankers, priests with pirates.

Whatever happens, though, never leave room for depression or despair. Let your ordinary boy simply refuse to be unhappy. Keep the flame of hope flickering in his breast. Let him feel like Columbus sailing through a strange new world. Surely, Incan gold lies buried on that next little hill!

Reward his persistence. His faith. Let him meet Mr. Right—several times. Belly full of beer, eyes awash with stars, introduce him to Richard at the Old Central Arms, a grimy, foul-smelling saloon presided over by cigar-chomping "Mary," wearing a heavy black overcoat regardless of season. Let Richard have auburn, shoulder-length hair (Remember, this is the '60s), freckles, and an easy smile. Let the two men slow-dance to Lennon's "Imagine" before Richard follows red taillights to the other man's home.

Watch them—like the moon—all night long. Observe carefully as they fall in love (It won't take long). Laugh if you must (in the morning) when the ordinary boy introduces Mr. Right to his incredulous "straight" housemate as an old friend visiting from afar.

Set the lovers down in an old, middle-class neighborhood of stately homes with steep slate roofs and copper flashing. Give them a couple of cats and a litter box. Keep the ordinary boy well supplied with canvas, brushes, and tubes of pigment. Keep Mr. Right busy with a never-ending procession of bright new friends.

Let the lovers experience all the traumas that accompany new male-male relationships. Let them have a loving but imperfect marriage: one man a nester, the other an excitement-seeker; one baking bread, the other cruising the park. One filling the apartment with flowers and pictures, the other smoking and dropping acid with phantoms in tight-fitting jeans.

See how the lovers affect one another. Richard discovers yoga, Yogananda, and yogurt. The ordinary boy explores labyrinths of sexual liberation, wondering "What will happen if...?"

In time you will see the relationship fall apart. But keep the counselors at bay as long as possible. Let the lovers find things out for themselves. The hard way.

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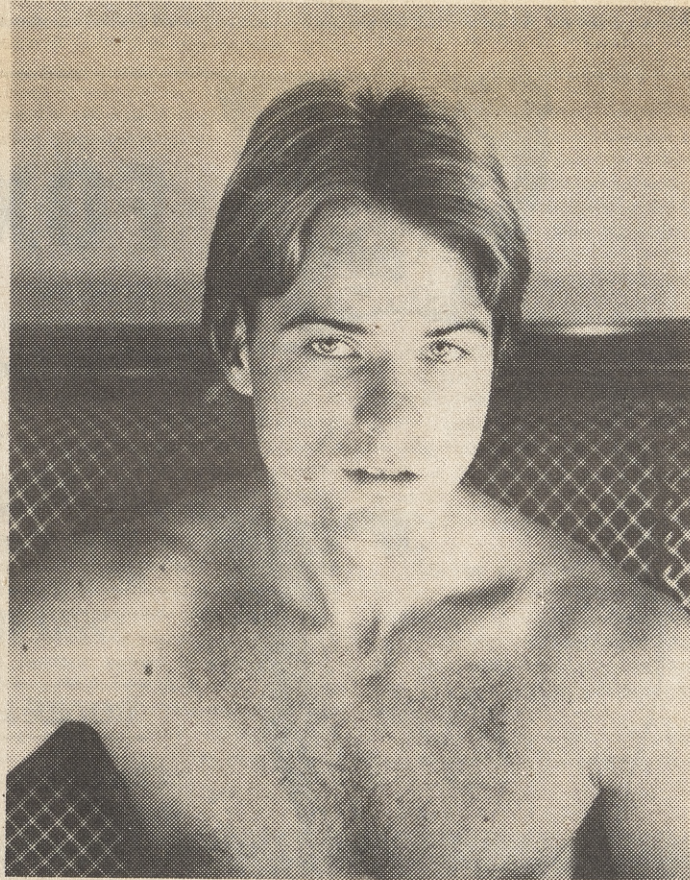
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## FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

### "The Wishmaker"

A small green farming community in the heart of America. Sadie Matthews stood in the bright light that spilled through her kitchen window. It keenly revealed that care-worn face, now ravaged by time and stress.

She watched the old woman poking around in her garbage cans probing at the discarded contents. A red bandana was loosely tied around her head and strands of hair hung down in the wrinkled face. Big green eyes hung there in an ancient face.

Sadie wondered about the old woman; she hadn't noticed her before. An oddity she thought. Abruptly she turned her mind back to something much more important: her son.

"Disgusting," she thought. "No son of mine is going to turn out like that."

He was the last of her children, shy and sensitive. She prodded him con-

stantly, nagging and picking. No understanding, not an ounce of compassion for his feelings. Her only thoughts were selfish, to hold on to him as long as she could, perhaps robbing him of a life of his own.

Johnny had suffered humiliation, being ostracized by his friends, friends who turned away after discovering his sexual preference. He was alone and suffered the pain of being gay in a small town.

Johnny had thought many times about running away. But where would he go? A boy of sixteen with nowhere to run to. He had a wish: to just disappear and leave everything behind him.

Johnny too watched from his bedroom window: There, the old woman, the one he had helped when a bunch of hoodlums were teasing her. She turned from her prodding and could see Johnny's sad face staring at her. She took her crooked cane, made a strange motion with it, scratching a symbol in the dirt; then she blinked her big green eyes at him and hobbled away, smiling and singing to herself.

Ten years later, somewhere in Oregon, Bill and Johnny lay together by the fireplace. They had been lovers for almost eight years. Bill looked into those soft blue eyes. He thought how lucky he was to have found Johnny that day, wandering and all alone when Johnny couldn't remember his own name or where he had come from. He did, however, remember one thing: a little old woman with vivid green eyes and a red bandana tied around her head.

At the same moment in New York City, Terry, a boy of fifteen, very lonely and unloved, watched from his window as an old woman down in the alley probed in the garbage cans. She turned

to see him smiling at her. She made a movement with her cane scratching a sign in the dirt, blinked at him with her great green eyes, and then hobbled away, out of the alley, smiling and singing to herself.

## Poets' Corner

NUMBER TWO  
by Sean Bailey

I saw you out again last night  
And jealousy ate at my heart  
For you were walking hand in hand  
And I was all alone.

It didn't hurt so much that  
he was young  
And handsome as cliché's of god—  
Hair a golden halo on his neck,  
Melting cobalt eyes.  
No. That was absolutely right.  
I'd half expected that before.  
Nor was it just the looks  
you shared:

His, trusting adoration  
And yours, reciprocating love  
(Yet, that should pain me more—  
You never looked at me that way).  
No. It was knowing he is  
number one  
And always will be. Always.  
I cannot make myself come between  
Nor should I, I suppose.  
There is no stealing you from him.  
Not me, nor any other one  
Has (or truly needs) that power.  
I sigh, and I resign myself  
To the stronger tie:  
Your son.

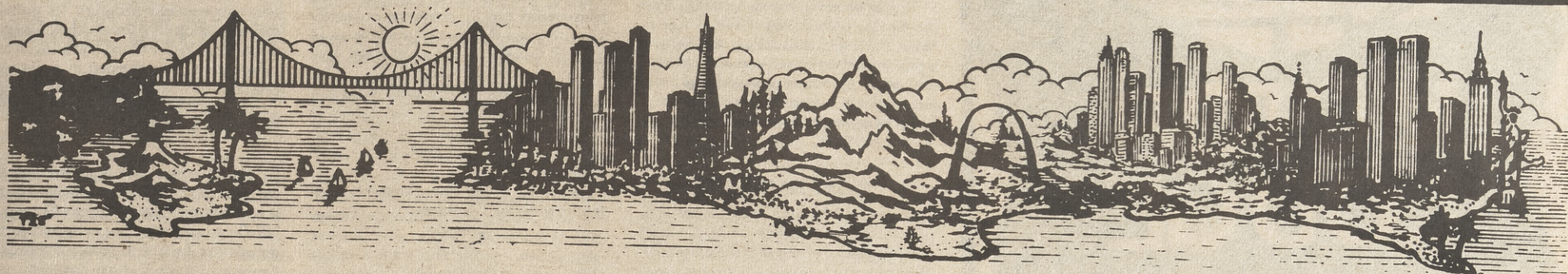






# CROSSROADS

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## SAN JUAN

The International Gay Travel Association (IGTA) will hold its second annual convention May 9-12, 1985 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Some 300 travel agents, hoteliers, and others in the travel business are expected to attend. The Dupont Plaza Hotel will be the convention headquarters.

In addition to the convention, the group will stage a travel trade show Friday, May 10. The trade show will offer both IGTA members and non-members an opportunity to sell travel packages, gay resort hotel accommodations, and other travel-related services.

The International Gay Travel Association is dedicated to making sure gays can vacation "hassle-free" anywhere in the world. It also offers a support network to help its members become more successful in fulfilling the needs of the gay traveler.

For IGTA information, write: IGTA, PO Box 1373, Key West, FL 33041.

## HONOLULU

The Sexual Identity Center, which provides information, counseling, and support, will establish a membership system. The move is being taken to stabilize finances.

The membership categories and fees are as follows:

Annual: \$20  
Low Income: \$10  
Contributor: \$50  
Donor: \$75  
Sponsor: \$100 or more  
Corporate/Business: \$200  
Lifetime: \$1000

All memberships are based on a calendar year from date of payment. Members may vote at annual meetings in March of each year for officers/board members and motions that may be put forward during the meeting.

For more information, write PO Box 3224, Honolulu, HI 96801.

## MODESTO

A group of lesbians and gay men which began meeting weekly about three months ago in Modesto to support each other's sobriety is growing rapidly.

Over the past ten weeks the group, which began with eight people, grew past the bounds of their livingroom meeting place. Calling themselves Friends Coming of Age, group members have decided on a permanent meeting place: Wesley Methodist Church, 300 Trask Lane.

Meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 8:00 with doors open at 7:00. Every third Tuesday there is a potluck beginning at 6:30 followed at 8:00 by speakers from out of town. Anniversaries of sobriety are observed at 9:30.

Those attending the meetings are assured of double anonymity, meaning that their participation will remain anonymous with the general community as well as within other (straight) AA groups.

Newcomers are welcome. For more information, attend a Tuesday meeting or call Jorene, (209) 522-1301.

## OMAHA

The River City Mixed Chorus (RCMC) is trying to attract new members. RCMC wants to encourage anyone interested in singing to give serious thought to joining. Also, there is a support group, "Friends," composed of those who want to help but don't/can't/won't sing!

RCMC recently hired a new music conductor and joined Gala Choruses—the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, a nationwide organization consisting of nearly forty choruses. RCMC is one of six member choruses which are composed of mixed voices. Rehearsals are held weekly.

For more information, Phone (402) 345-0939 or (402) 345-5797, or write PO Box 3171, Omaha, NE 68103.

## PHILADELPHIA

The deadline for submission of manuscripts and artwork for the first black gay men's anthology is April 30, 1985. The book, to be edited by a Philadelphia-based gay activist and cultural worker, Joe Beam, will be published by Boston's Alyson Publications, Inc. in 1986.

Manuscripts may be submitted in the following forms: essays and short fiction (up to 5000 words); poems (no more than five); letters; brief excerpts from plays and novels; journal entries; performance pieces, and interviews. Beam said he is interested in experiences of intimate relationships, coming out, interactions with family, rural living, youth, religion, prison life, aging, the arts, gay activism, oral history, the military, and erotica.

All manuscripts should be sent in duplicate, typed and double spaced with the contributor's name on each page. Copies of artwork should be submitted, not originals. Send to Beam/BGA, PO Box 30024, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

## COLUMBUS

Planning has started for Stonewall Union's annual pride parade. The parade, now in its fourth year, has become one of the ten largest gay parades in the country. The date this year is Sunday, June 30, the same day that similar parades will take place in San Francisco, New York, and Chicago. The parade will feature national speakers, floats, bands, and music.

This year Stonewall is contacting organizations all over the Midwest. The states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and Michigan are being invited to participate in the event which is being called The Midwest Gay and Lesbian Freedom Parade—1985.

## LOS ANGELES

A Superior Court judge recently refused to dismiss Liberace as a defendant in the suit brought by Scott Thorson over a 1982 Globe International article titled "The Wicked Past of the Gay Suing Liberace."

The court also concluded that Thorson, who is suing Liberace for palimony support, is a public figure and must prove malice in his \$12 million libel suit against the entertainer and the tabloid.

Thorson alleged that he was previously Liberace's homosexual lover. He contends in his suit against Liberace, Globe, and Thorson's half brother, Wayne Johnson, that Liberace requested and paid for the article. The Court ruled that the issue concerning Liberace's connection with the Globe story could go to trial.

Liberace's attorney said he was pleased with the judge's decision on the public-figure issue, which will make it much more difficult for Thorson to prove he was libeled.

## FT. LAUDERDALE

William J. Lowell, Vice President of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) and the highest ranking openly gay union official in the country, was unanimously elected to the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund at its recent meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The UFCW, with 1.3 million members, is the largest affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

When asked about his election, Lowell said, "I'm honored to become a member of such a prestigious Board of Directors and hope that my presence will contribute to the growing influence of this important political organization."

## EUREKA

The Gay/Lesbian Student Union, a social/support group formed at the beginning of the current academic year at Humboldt State University, was recently officially recognized by the Associated Student Body Council.

The group is presently trying to encourage new people to join, especially since it hopes to have a booth at Lumberjack Days in May. This will require a great amount of effort, but would be a tremendous opportunity to have the club recognized by the community and, also, to raise money so the GLSU can sponsor a social event for the gay community.

Meetings for the GLSU are held on Thursdays from 7-7:45 PM at Women's Center, House 55, at HSU. It is not necessary to be a HSU student to participate.

Every second and fourth Thursday is rap night. The rap sessions run from 8-9 PM, and the topics are decided upon by the people who are involved.

For more information, call Teresa at (707) 822-5778 or Dianne at (707) 822-89212.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Seventh National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and the Fourth National AIDS Forum will be held June 28 through July 1, 1985 in Washington, D.C. This major event is co-sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control—Sexually Transmitted Disease Division and the AIDS Center, and Addiction Recovery Corporation.

This year the theme is "Mainstreaming Lesbian and Gay Health Care," and the conference will address issues in the following areas: Lesbian and gay health care; delivery, treatment, and epidemiology of sexually transmitted diseases; current developments with AIDS: addiction—etiology and treatment. Also the initial results from the first National Lesbian Health Care Survey will be presented.

For additional information, contact Peter Laqueur at (301) 547-0303.

## PROVINCETOWN

The Provincetown Business Guild (PBG) says that its members are getting ready for the new tourist season. The Guild provides, among other things, a room-referral service, tourist-inquiry lists, and shopping guides. For more information, write PBG, PO Box 421, Provincetown, MA 02657 or telephone (617) 487-2313.

Provincetown has also started planning for Carnival '85 which will be held August 14-21. This year's seventh Carnival promises to be the best ever!

## EAST LANSING

The City of East Lansing is reviewing various policies from around the country to determine the feasibility of administratively implementing a form of domestic partnership for East Lansing city employees. Such action would be similar to that in Berkeley, California. That city some time ago approved a policy defining partners of unmarried city workers, gay or straight, as eligible to receive health insurance benefits.

Under Berkeley's policy, the two partners must reside together and share the common necessities of life; they may not be related by blood closer than would bar marriage; and they must declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner and that they are responsible for their common welfare. Both persons must file an "Affidavit of Domestic Partnership" with the city attesting to the aforementioned conditions. The city must be notified if a relationship is terminated, which is accomplished by filing a statement to that effect and mailing a copy of the statement to the other partner. In the event of termination, no other affidavit of partnership may be filed until six months after the termination statement.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The Gay Rescue Mission which is operated by St. Priapus Church, 583 Grove Street, (415) 431-2188, needs contributions. The Mission currently operates on a very small monthly budget. The organization has no paid staff, so all contributions go into its food program.

The following groups are served by the Mission.

Gay men and lesbians who are ineligible for food stamps or welfare, and who are unable to use the on-site feeding program.

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### INDIANAPOLIS

A coalition composed of Justice, NOW, and the ICLU Gay/Lesbian Task Force has been established to work on legislative issues concerning the gay community. The primary task of the coalition will be to find sponsors to re-introduce the Indiana gay-rights legislation. The group will also educate state legislators and churches in the state on gay issues.

Anyone interested in working on the coalition should contact Justice at (317) 634-9212.

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Operator training sessions are being offered for the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Indianapolis. Training involves forty to fifty hours of crisis intervention and listening/counseling techniques. Operators are expected to attend monthly training and discussion sessions.

For more information, call the Switchboard at (317) 543-6200.

### BALTIMORE

Baltimore's Metropolitan Community Church has had to move again. Contract negotiations for a lease with Strawbridge U.M. Church were terminated because of demands that no more Rites of Holy Union be held.

### BRIDGEVILLE

Dear Community Members:

I have 40 acres on Highway 36, 4 miles east of Bridgeville, California. The land is south facing; it has a decent stream running north to south through the entire piece of property. There is roughly 1/2 meadow and 1/2 woodland.

I have been considering the possibility of a "land trust" as a collective retirement village for gay men and women who might want to spend their less-productive years in a rural atmosphere with other gays.

There would be fewer individual money requirements than in commercial retirement set-ups for gays. Building sites would be leased from the Community and would revert back to it at the end of the lease.

There is an Artists Community on the East Coast built along these lines, and it seems to work well. That Community is large enough now to have fairs and plays, even a small restaurant.

I would like to hear some comments about this from the gay Community.

Sincerely,

Dick R.

PO Box 158

Bridgeville, CA 95526

### HOUSTON

Vivian Shapiro and Duke Comegys, co-chairs of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, have jointly called on the national gay and lesbian community to boycott Houston's businesses and organizations that opposed the city ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gay people.

The ordinance was passed by the Houston City Council in June 1984 and amended the city's civil-service and affirmative-action program to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in city hiring and firing. It was subsequently overturned in a January referendum following weeks of anti-gay campaigning by a well-financed coalition of conservative groups.

"The Houston case is a very frightening and discouraging one for gays across the country," said Duke Comegys. "We're trying to lend our support to the group that fought in favor of the ordinance as a symbol of gay solidarity on a national level."

Members of Houston's business community joined with the Houston Chamber of Commerce, local Republican groups, a city-wide organization of black ministers, and local chapters of the Ku.Klux Klan. The coalition's campaign charged that the ordinance amounted to an endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle, would lead to quotas in the hiring of gays by the city, and would see Houston become a "gay mecca."


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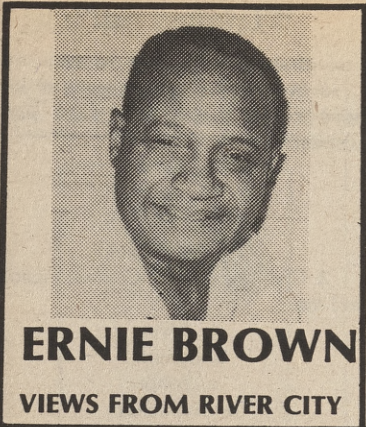
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**ERNIE BROWN**  
VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

We have all heard the expression. *Beautiful Hawaii* to a lot of us means the warm tropical climate, or maybe the lush botanical gardens and forest. Well, this is all true; but Hawaii has also taken on another meaning: *Beautiful People*. I already knew this, of course, since this was my 8th trip to The Islands. But this trip really brought it home to me. First of all, it had been announced two weeks in advance that I would be arriving there for a holiday. Then I received a call from one of my friends over there informing me that I should not worry about anything, there would be someone at the airport to meet me. Lo & Behold, my dears, there indeed was someone to meet me! You won't believe this: I stepped off the plane and there stood a group of three, headed by our one and only Sacramento boy, Bob Weaver, followed by two other Sacramentans, Sid & Lee, dressed in one-piece native costumes from waist down, holding this huge sign that read: "Aloha, Mother Jeffrey, Welcome to Hawaii." (For my readers who don't know who Mother Jeffrey was, I will explain: Mother Jeffrey (a male) was an old friend of mine, and of the Sacramento gay community, who had a terrific impact on the community. He died at the early age of twentysix. I was instrumental in establishing an annual "Mother Jeffrey Memorial Award" given to someone every year for their outstanding contribution to the gay community.) Now, back at the airport: I was approached by my three hosts, "leied" to the applause of

about 500 people who were there to meet their own arrivals. They too were curious to see who "Mother Jeffrey" was. They all yelled things like, "Aloha," "Right On," and "Welcome To Hawaii." Well, dear hearts, I was too awe stricken to be embarrassed. Then I was whizzed off to a sit-down dinner. All this before I even checked in at my hotel. Wow!...Now I'd like to describe some of the Honolulu gay bars for you. First of all, there's "Hamburger Mary's" & "Dirty Mary's." Two separate bars in the same building where everyone meets anyone who's visiting the island, sooner or later. The bartenders are Meg, Rich, Kalaina, and our own Sacramento boy, Mark. If you're hungry, you can order a hamburger that's eight inches tall, the best on the island! In the back bar, "Dirty Mary's," you can dance til two. Right next door or just over the fence is the world-famous "Hula's Bar & Lei Stand." There you will meet two of the most handsome bartenders on the island, Rich & Kevin. Trust me, they are beautiful. If you are a video enthusiast, you will go crazy there. They have about 8 video screens throughout the bar. Beautiful dance floor, outdoor seating under their famous banyan tree. Right around the corner on Kalakua Ave. is the "Arcade Bar." Here you will meet a beautiful gal named Marjorie. She will see to it that you are introduced to all the right people. Here, too, is another video & disco bar with a full-fledged Italian restaurant. One of the newer bars on this island. "The Balcony" is located at 1920 Ala Moana Blvd. This is one of the most attractive bars on the island. It's about four stories up and it is actually a lanai-type balcony decorated with beautiful island plants, a piano bar, and a bartender who would make Atlas look like a runt. The newest bar in town is "Neighbors." If you've ever been to Seattle or Vancouver, then you know what "Neighbors" bars are like since these are the same owners. Beautiful dance floor, very cruisy, it's located at the corner of Seaside & Kuhio. Now if you really want to see a taste of Old Honolulu, take a ride down town to Hotel St. You will get a good idea of how many ethnic cultures are represented here and while you are down there, stop by one of the oldest gay bars in this area, located at 43 South Beretania Ave. The bar is called "The Question Mark" or simply

QM. This bar is owned by an old Sacramentan, Jack Aguinar. This is a good place to meet some of the island natives, the fun people. Oh dear. So many other bars, baths, beaches, bookstores, and bushes worth mentioning in Honolulu. But I've got to come down from it all and get back to the mainland and good old River City. But first let me thank Bob Weaver, Jack Aguinar & William Quinn for such a beautiful time. Aloha & Mahalo...Congrats to the new "Wreck Room" for a wonderful grand opening. I love the bar...Please note: Coming soon, Beau's Surf N Turf restaurant to be located at "Bojangles/Scandals." Speaking of Boj/Scan, every Thursday night starting at 8 PM well drinks are fifty cents...It's that time of year again. Coronation 85 will be April 20 starting at 7 PM at "The Forum."...The Kamp Awards made an entertaining night. LaKish & Randi, you did a good job as Mistress of Ceremony. "The Forum" did a beautiful job as host. However, I would suggest that they put more cocktail waiters or waitresses on the floor. We couldn't get a drink. Remember, that's where the money is made. In those drinks...I hear that "Once In A Blue Moon" is a fun place that's going strong...Check the bulletin board at "The Rose"; they have a lot of events coming up in April...Don't forget "The Buffalo's" stampeder every Sat. afternoon. All the beer you can drink for a minimal fee...Valley Knights, thanks for a beautiful fundraising party. The Knights have their annual fun run up at Clearlake; watch for the announcement...Here is a Sacto first. April 19, Coronation 85 is having a progressive dinner starting at "The Merc" for an extensive Happy Hour, then soup, salads & the main entrees will be served at various other bars. Everyone is invited to participate. Sounds like fun...Things that are coming up in the near future for your enjoyment...The next social for Kids of Gays will be a skating party on Friday, April 12 at Cal Skate, 8-10:30 PM; call 757-2189 in Davis for details...Yours Truly's (Ernie Brown) 11th annual Mother Jeffrey Memorial Awards, May 12...Saga 2, Triumph 85 awards...Laguna Bob (Clearlake), sorry about the weird typo in my last article which listed you as "Laguna Rose" of all things! That was very sleazy of me...In Memorium: Allan C. Johnson (Reno) and Peter King (San Francisco).

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**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor:  
Single people annually face income-tax penalties because of their marital status. To lesbians and gay men, the insult is double. First, we are legally forbidden to marry. Then, we are told that as singles we must pay higher taxes! Under current law, a single taxpayer pays as much as 20% more tax than paid by a married person on the same taxable income.

Of great concern is the plethora of "tax simplification" plans which have been proposed by various members of the Congress as well as by the Administration. Thus far, virtually all the measures which have been put forth would greatly increase the tax penalty for being single.

H.R. 37 as introduced by Mr. Annunzio in the 97th Congress would have lowered the income-tax rate for singles down to the rate paid by a married person. (Further, in the case of two-income heterosexual married couples, each partner would have been taxed only on his/her own income, at lower rates, without having to combine both incomes and ending up in an artificially high bracket. This would totally eliminate the "marriage penalty," which was partially corrected a few years ago with a tax deduction of about 10% of the lower-paid spouse's income.)

In order to achieve tax justice and equality on behalf of the readers of THE PATLAR, we urge that the principles contained in that bill be included in any tax legislation—"simplification" or otherwise—which may be considered by the Congress. We (CO\$T) have written a letter supporting this position to every member of the Congress.

However, your readers can help to bring this about much sooner by writing to their representatives in Congress as well as to Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, urging that they co-sponsor and vote for a bill equivalent to the 97th Congress' H.R. 37. (Since the 99th Congress is now in session, it is very important to note in letters to our representatives that the H.R. 37 in question was introduced in the 97th Congress.)

Sincerely,  
Glen Spencer  
Director, CO\$T

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**William Tell Reviews:**

**"California Summer" and "Arcade"**

In typical William Higgins' fashion, in this first film we are presented with two pretty boys having fun in the sun. These boys happen to be avid skateboarders who are picked up by an airline pilot. After showering in the pilot's home, the boys engage in a lively three-way.

The next romp for our handsome young men is a pool party. The action begins underwater and continues in the pool house with our guys carrying on with each other for what seems like an eternity.

If your taste for pornos is in young, handsome men involved in vanilla sex, this beautifully photographed film may be your cup of tea.

The second film, "Arcade," takes us inside a film arcade. What comes on the screens in the arcade and in its booths makes up the storyline for this better-than-average porno.

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by Dr. Pat Larr

**TAURUS** (Apr 20-May 20): Nobody loves you right now? Yes, it's time to get ahold of yourself. Just remember, practice makes perfect.

**GEMINI** (May 21-Jun 20): A mysterious stranger tempts you to play hooky. Go ahead, you deserve it. But don't get hooked.

**CANCER** (Jun 21-Jul 22): The moon enters your sign mid-month. Your defenses will be down, and if you're lucky, so will your pants.

**LEO** (Jul 23-Aug 22): Your current heart-throb joins you for a hot love scene right out of a movie. Just make sure it's "Heatstroke" and not "Ventil."

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sep 22): A secret from your past returns at month's end to haunt you once again. This one's going to cost you big bucks.

**LIBRA** (Sep 23-Oct 22): A pint-sized stranger shows you that big things do come in small packages, if you unwrap them the right way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 22): That special someone got you tied down to the same old boring routine? The tables are turned mid-month when you find yourself top dog for a change.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21): What's your middle name this month? Right, it's "Party." So live it up. You look great with a lamp shade on your head.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20): Bring your umbrella. You meet up with a charming water sign who shows you the true meaning of "April Showers."

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 18): You really fell into a pile of it last month. Now's the time to come out smelling like a rose. Higher-ups crave your bouquet.

**PISCES** (Feb 19-Mar 20): It's fated, everyone wants to reach out and touch you right now. Not with their telephone, but maybe with their pole.

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 19): The butt of too many jokes lately? Maybe a little dieting will get to the boyttom of that problem.

### FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett.

Dear Ed E. Kett,

I work in a large office for a large insurance company in a large city. I've fallen in love with a man who has a desk on the other side of the room. I don't even know if he's gay or not. I was thinking of sending him a bouquet of flowers. Since I can see his desk from where I sit, I'd love to see his reaction when he gets the flowers. I was wondering if I should sign my name to the accompanying card or not. What do you think?

Sincerely,  
Maxwell

Dear Maxwell,

Sign your name to the card, but send the flowers to his home. Flowers at the office from another man might cause him to have an allergic reaction.

Dearest Eddie,

Darling, if there happens to be one, is it proper for a man to use the women's restroom in a men's bar? Hurry with your answer.

Got to go,  
Kim

Dear Kim,

It takes balls, of course, but go ahead. It's the latest trend. The mirrors in the women's restroom are usually bigger, the toilets are usually cleaner, and there are all those cozy little stalls in which to play. Just ask yourself, "Am I man enough to be a woman?"

### "Trivia Trial"

(Note: Answers are at the end.)

1. In 1983 what percentage of all persons in the civilian labor force were women?

- a. 25%
- b. 44%
- c. 85%
- d. 58%

2. Give the name of Captain Video's evil foe.

- a. Ming
- b. Lamont
- c. Tobor
- d. The Joker

3. What is the secret identity of Clark Kent?

- a. Robin
- b. Batman
- c. Superman
- d. The Green Hornet

4. Give the name of Little Iodine's father.

- a. Mr. Bigdome
- b. Dagwood
- c. Barney Bailey
- d. Henry Tremblechin

5. How many players are on a football team?

- a. 7
- b. 5
- c. 11
- d. 15

6. What was used to build Noah's Ark?

- a. teak
- b. walnut
- c. oak
- d. gopher wood

7. Give the letter(s) not on the telephone dial.

- a. L
- b. Z
- c. X and Y
- d. Q and Z

8. What is Doris Day's theme song?

- a. It's A Bright Morning
- b. Hey, Good Looking!
- c. Que Sera Sera
- d. Ave Maria

9. What remained in Pandora's box after she opened it?

- a. charity
- b. love
- c. hope
- d. honey

10. Give the name of the Green Hornet's valet.

- a. Sam
- b. Kato
- c. Bozo
- d. Puff

11. What price did the United States pay to Spain for Florida in 1819?

- a. \$5 million
- b. \$3 billion
- c. \$24
- d. \$385,000

12. How many yards wide is a football field?

- a. 125
- b. 85
- c. 53 1/3
- d. 15

13. Who was the most decorated United States soldier of World War II?

- a. Benedict Arnold
- b. Sgt. York
- c. John Dewey
- d. Audie Murphy

14. What was the name of Ed Sullivan's first TV show?

- a. The Big Picture
- b. Show of Shows
- c. Toast of the Town
- d. Sunday Evening Live!

15. Give the name of the good witch in the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz."

- a. Glinda
- b. Dianne
- c. Anita
- d. Did not have a name

16. What is the name of the Cisco Kid's horse?

- a. Trigger
- b. Tonto
- c. Diablo
- d. Buttermilk

17. Give the pseudonym of William H. Bonney (1859-1881), Brooklyn-born gunman.

- a. Bret Hart
- b. Matt Dillon
- c. Tiny Tim
- d. Billy The Kid

Answers:

1. a, 2. c, 3. d, 4. c, 5. c, 6. c, 7. c, 8. b, 9. d, 10. b, 11. a, 12. c, 13. d, 14. c, 15. a, 16. c, 17. d



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### THE HUSTLER



JOHN HENRY MACKAY  
TRANSLATED BY HUBERT KENNEDY

*The Hustler*, by John Henry Mackay (Translated by Hubert Kennedy). Alyson Publications, Boston. \$7.95. 299 pp. Reviewed by Jay Harrison

First published in 1926 in Berlin, *The Hustler* (*Der Puppenjunge*) now reads somewhat like an overstuffed curiosity. Whether it is, as translator and publisher claim, "the classic novel of man/boy love," remains in doubt, but that it's a fascinating tale of hustling and obsessive love in a by-gone time (and a by-gone city) is certain enough.

It is, to quote translator Kennedy, "the story of Gunther, a 15-year-old boy who runs away from his small hometown to the big city of Berlin, where he falls into a life of prostitution, and of Hermann Graff, a young man who has come to Berlin to work, and who falls in love with the boy."

The darkening portrait of Hermann Graff, hopelessly in love with the insensitive (and by all evidence, stupid) hustler, while over-stated in the manner of embarrassing 19th-century romances, is nevertheless compelling. We come—we are dragged—to sympathize with this young man arriving at the doors of self-knowledge, to know his despair, and to applaud his ultimate resurrection from the ashes.

If we are tempted, along the way, to wonder how anyone could be so blind and vulnerable as Hermann, we are probably sublimating our own biographies.

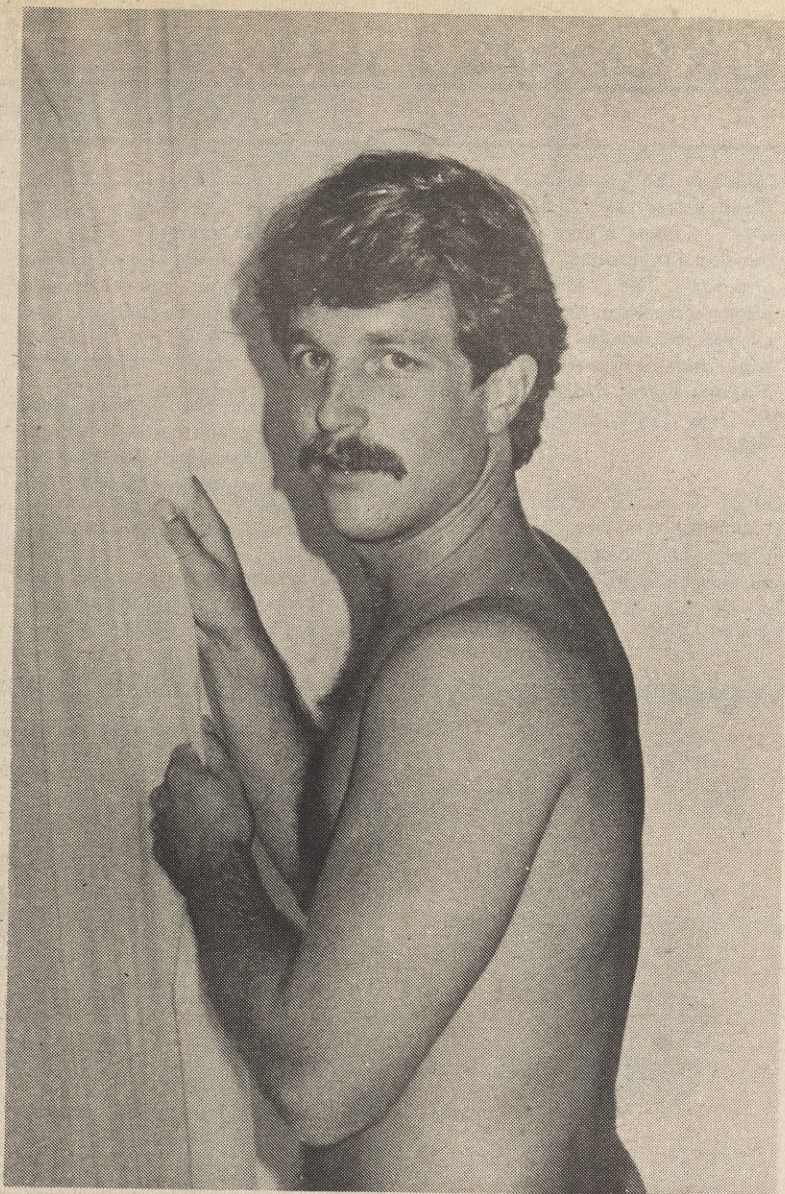
Despite a lumpy translation, the chapters which follow Gunther, the 15-year-old hustler, bring into at least low relief the "scene" in Berlin as Mackay apparently knew it. There's a smoky, non-specific luridness hovering over his descriptions of the lounges in which the hustlers meet their johns, and over the famous "passage" where pick-ups are made by day. No doubt because of censorship of the time, there is nothing graphic whatever in the novel; much is left up to the sexual detective in every reader. Therefore, when it comes right down to "it," nothing is revealed. Thus "unsparing realism," claimed by Kennedy, is nothing like what may be expected from recent books.

But Mackay's understanding of both the narrowness, the reverse-telescope mentality of the teenage hustlers, who have little more than animal instincts, and the infatuation suffered by the older man in love, is remarkable. That the two do not understand each other, until it's too late, is, of course, the melodramatic, if not tragic, hinge of the novel.

Mackay, an ardent anarchist and early gay-rights advocate in pre-Hitlerian Germany, pulls his novel out of the abyss by introducing a clear-eyed woman (Hermann's aunt) near the end. Hers is certainly Mackay's own voice, an eloquent plea for understanding—of oneself, not incidentally, as well as of others—particularly of men who love other men. "It is a love, like every other. But whoever cannot understand it as love, or will not, never understands it...."

That may strike us as circuitous. And it's a mild dose when we remember that the vice cops and the judges who meted out unreasonable punishments to both Hermann and Gunther were of the same criminal stamp as those already setting the stage for the ultimate German criminal. All that Mackay had done—and others like Magnus Hirschfeld—would soon be crushed in ways *The Hustler* could only mildly predict.

Hubert Kennedy has included, besides an introduction, some interesting end notes. Altogether a worthwhile project, a handsome quality paperback,



August '84 Coverperson Scott

*The Hustler* is recommended and Alyson Publications praised for making it available in English.

### THE HUSTLER



JOHN HENRY MACKAY  
TRANSLATED BY HUBERT KENNEDY

#### Gay's Man's Suit In Secrecy Case Dismissed

In San Francisco, a federal appeals court has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a homosexual who sued the government to find out why he was refused a special security clearance.

The three-judge panel ruled that the government had a right not to provide Richard Gayer, an electronic engineer who works for GTE Government Systems of Mountain View, with an explanation because to do so would reveal classified information.

Gayer, who argued his own case, said he believed that the CIA vetoed his security clearance because he is a homosexual. He claimed that GTE withdrew his application for clearance at the request of the government after the CIA learned that he is gay.

Gayer's suit asked the government to explain why his industrial security clearance application was denied and asked for an injunction to end all alleged policy of refusing security clearance to homosexuals.

The judges agreed with the Justice Department that the government could not explain its denial without possibly disclosing classified information. In their decision, they held that the privilege of the government to withhold the information from Gayer had been validly invoked.

#### Five Lesbians Ousted From Canada's Army

The Canadian army recently discharged five women after investigators found what they called a "homosexual clique" at a top-secret submarine tracking station.

"Homosexuality is not a crime, but because of the sensitive nature of the work, it was determined that they were a security risk," the Shelburne, Nova Scotia base commander explained.

#### Church Bars Gay Clergy

The highest court of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has ruled that member churches cannot ordain homosexuals.

The action by the church's Permanent Judicial Commission rejected a stand taken by a member church, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, N.Y., when that church declared in June 1983 that it was extending the opportunity of becoming elders and deacons to all members, including homosexuals. The declaration, however, continued to bar ordination of gays to a third level, that of full "ministers of the word."

The Commission's ruling reaffirmed stands taken by national Presbyterian general assemblies in 1978 and 1979.

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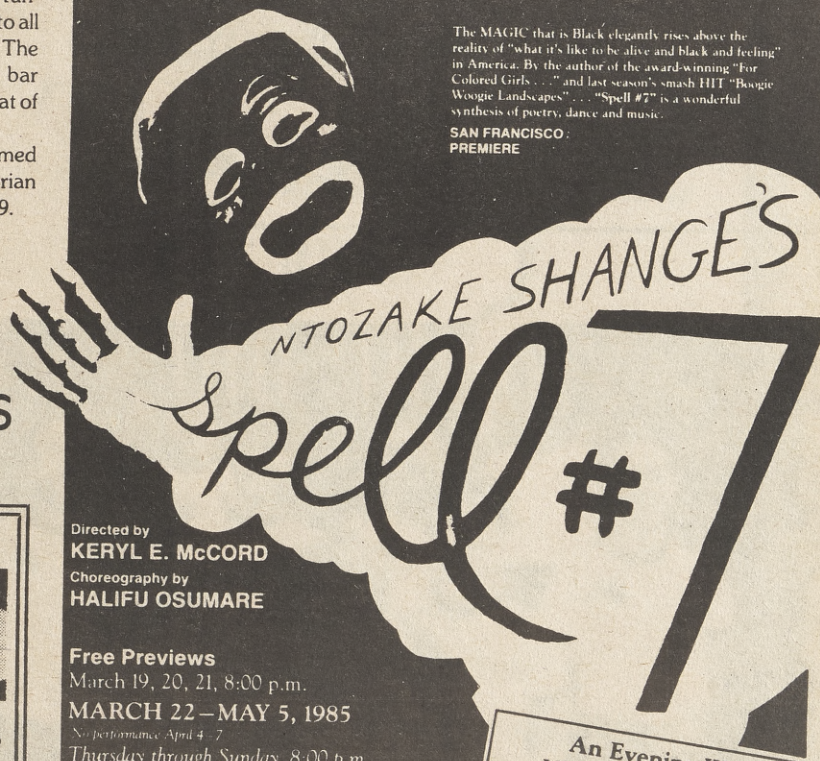
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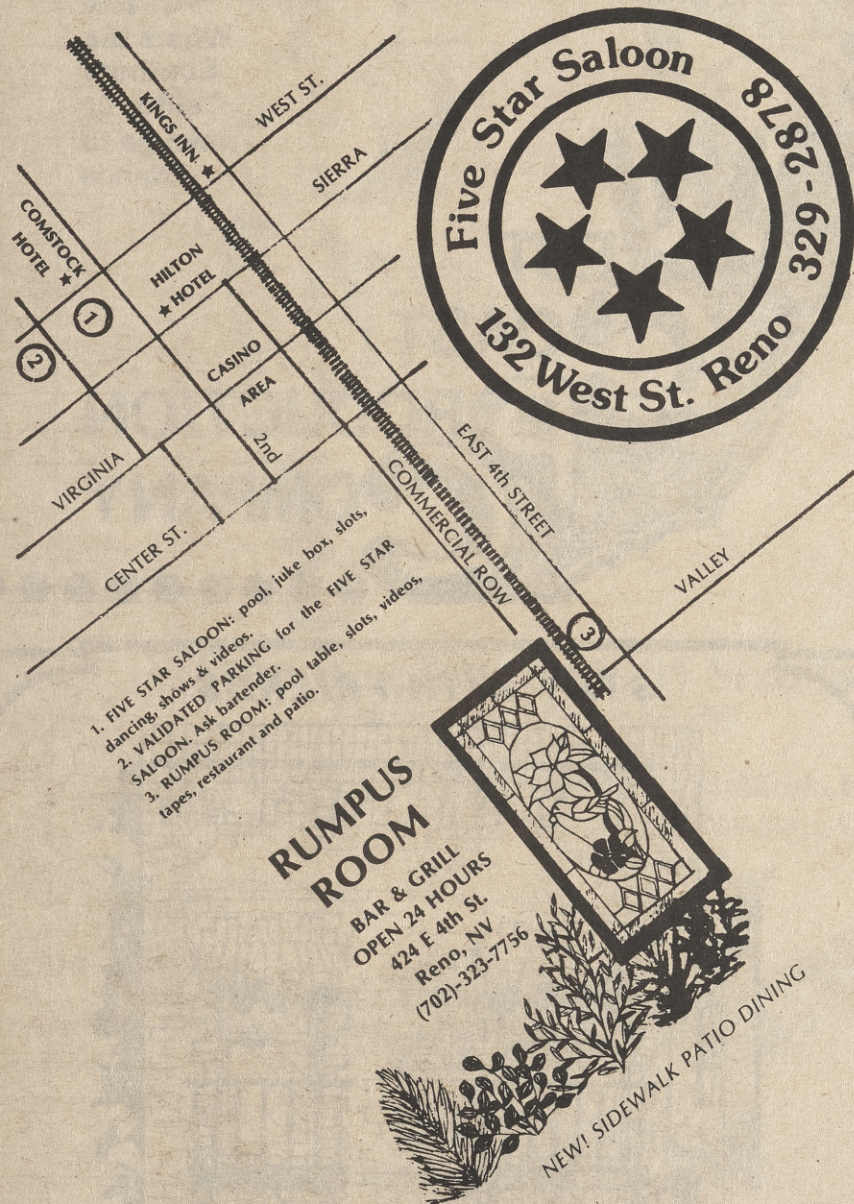
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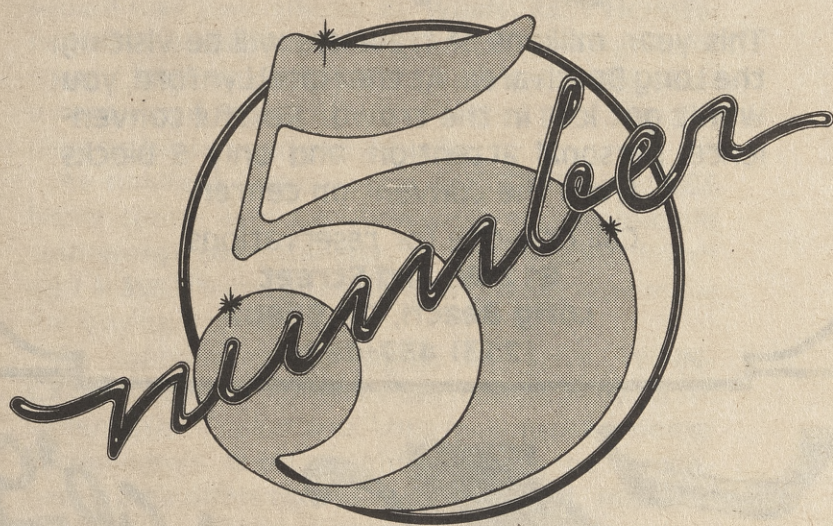
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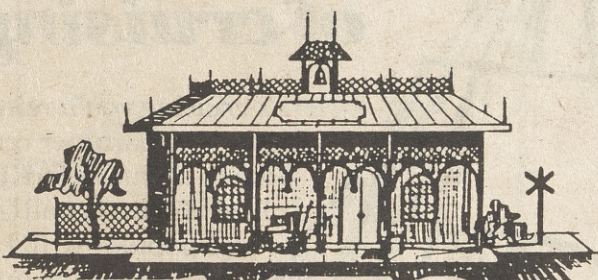
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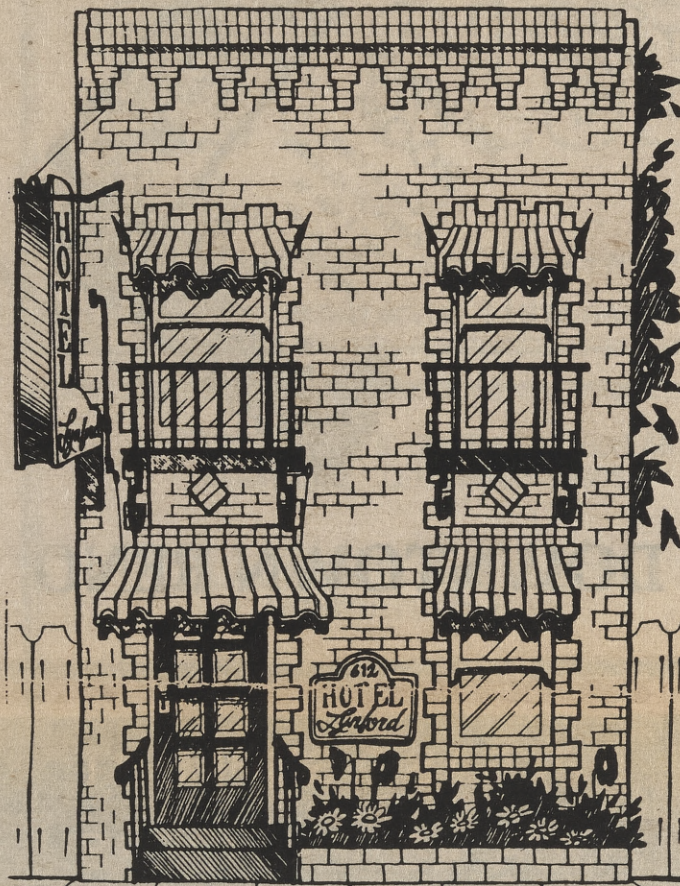
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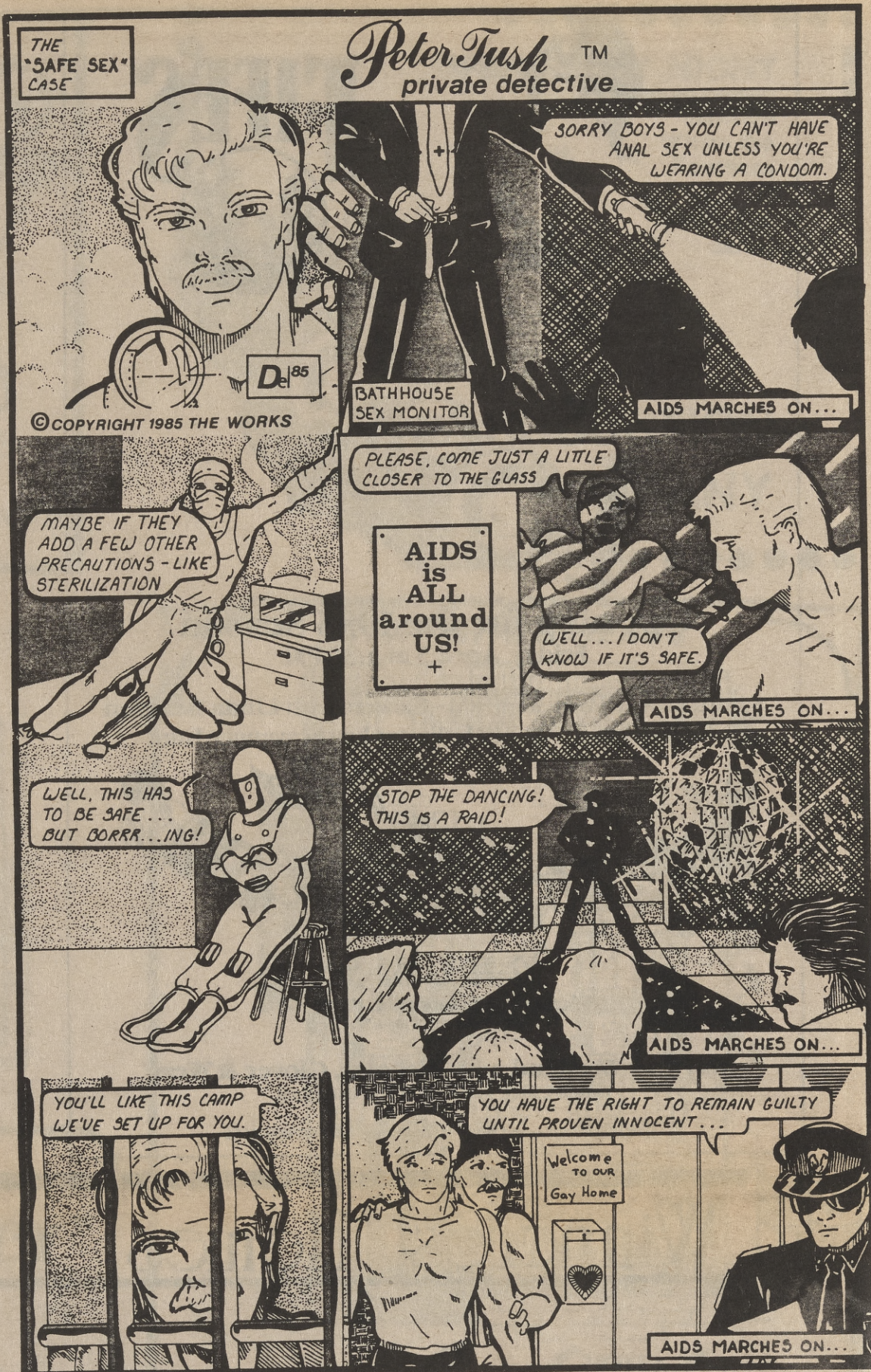
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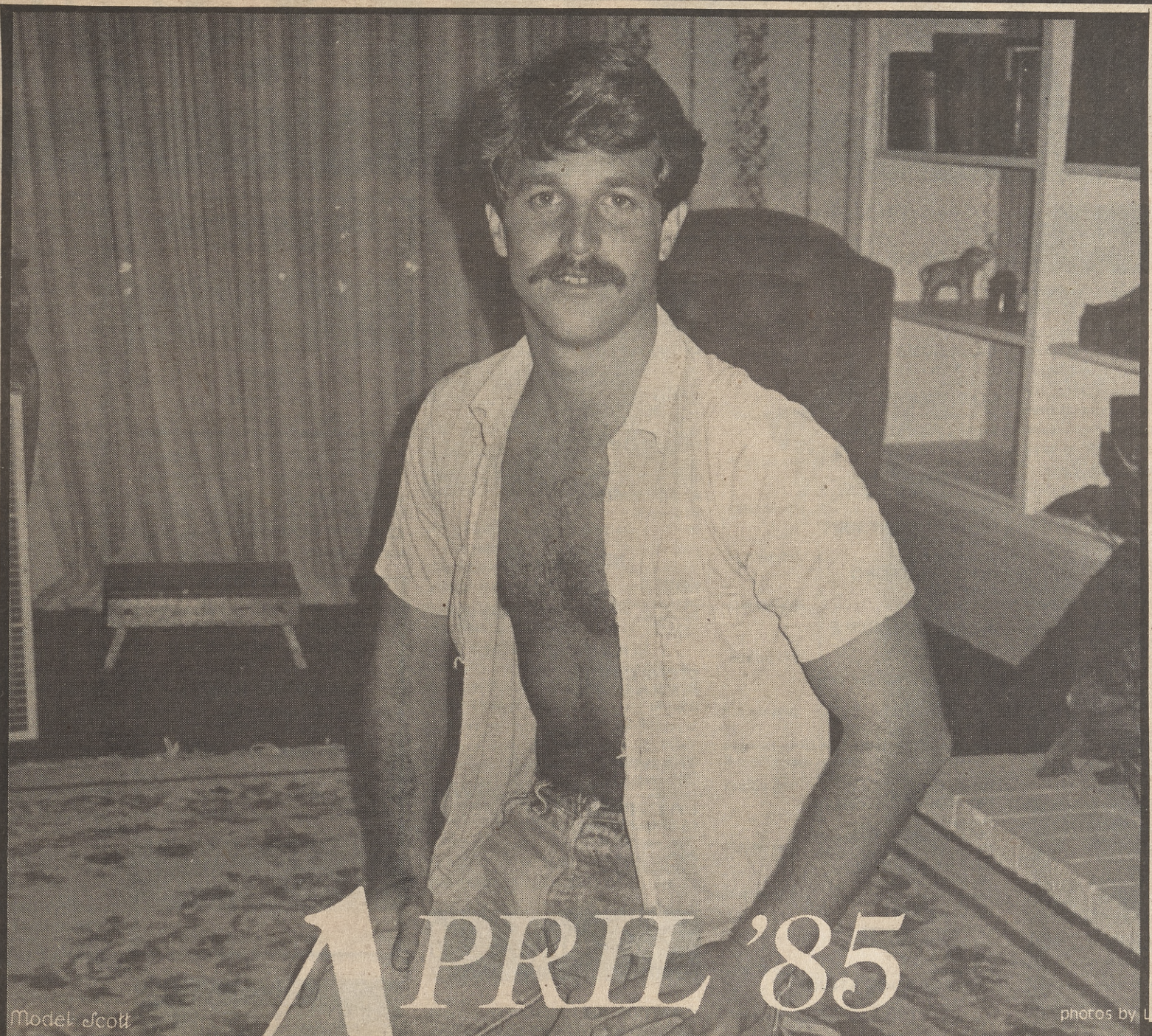
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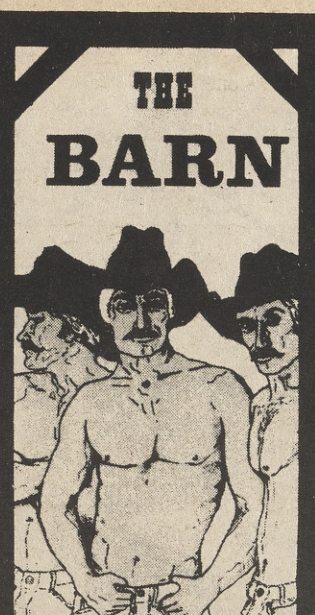
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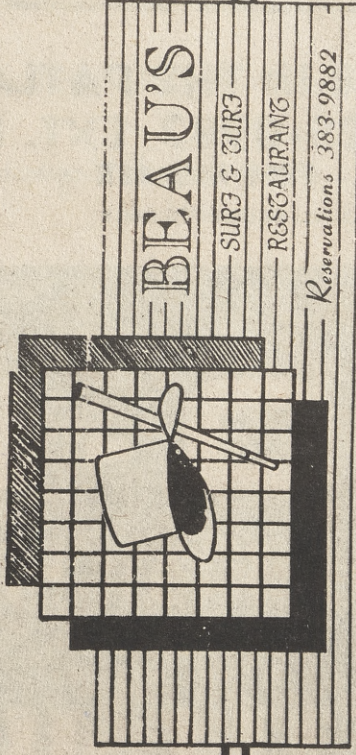
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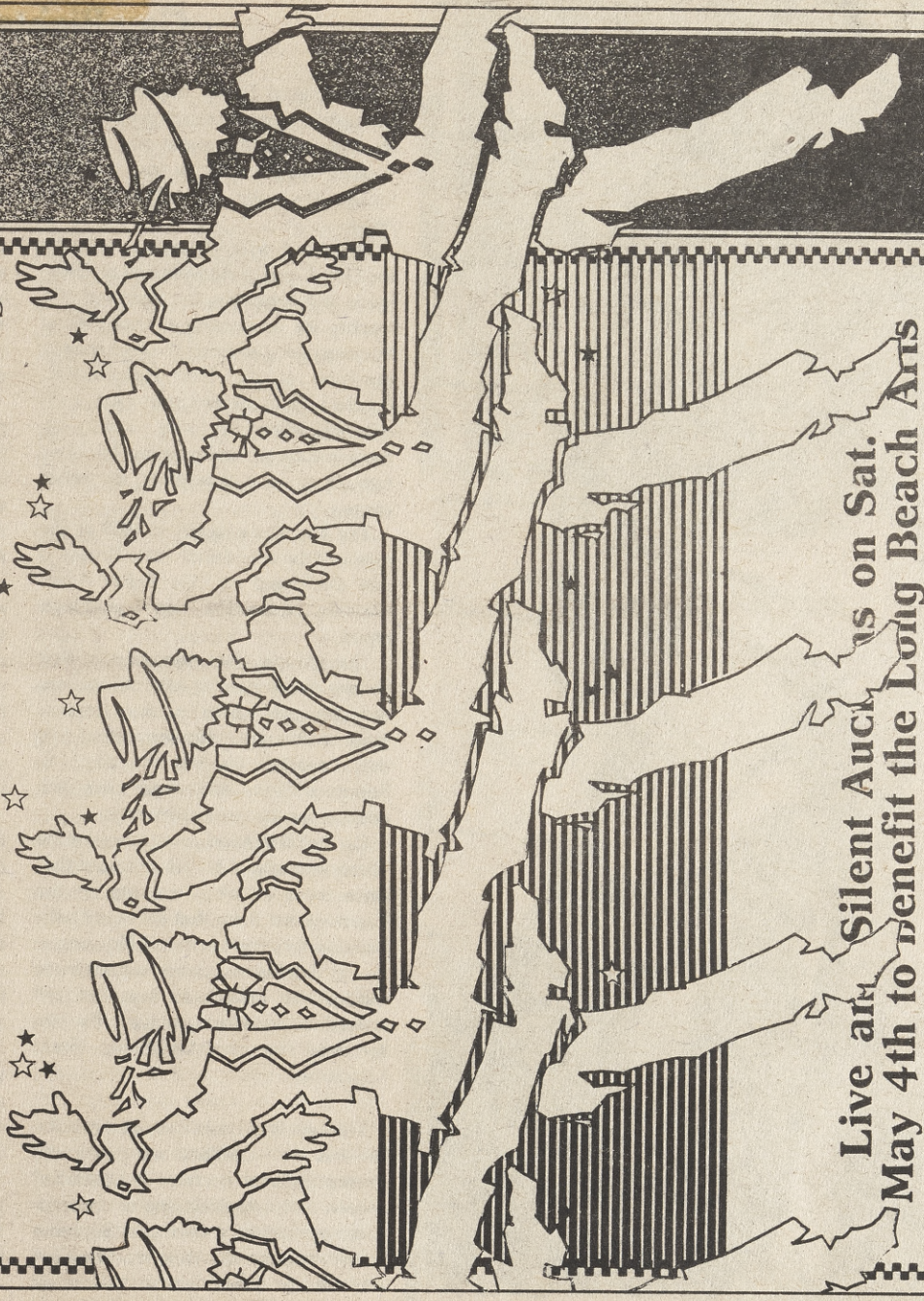
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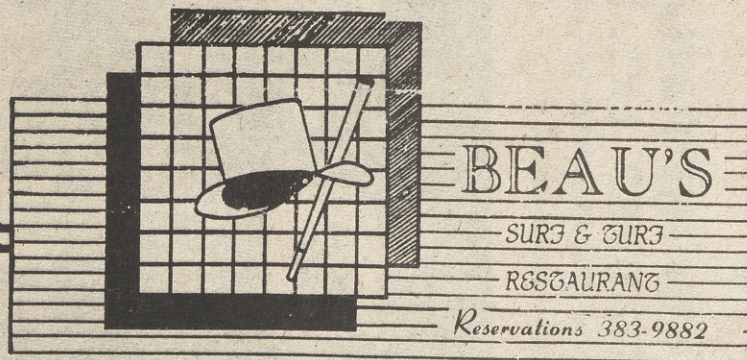
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